

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carlos Correa  
Serial No.: (unknown)  
Filing Date: February 14, 2001  
For: A COMPUTER MONITOR UTILITY ASSEMBLY

2800 S.W. Third Avenue  
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October 29, 2001

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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182 REQUESTING ENTRY OF  
FEBRUARY 14, 2001 AS THE FILING DATE AND ASSIGN A  
SERIAL NUMBER TO THE ABOVE-REFERENCED CIP PATENT APPLICATION**

The above-identified Continuation-In-Part (CIP) patent application was timely filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, on February 14, 2001, via Express Mail in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.10. In particular, the above application was timely deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail on February 14, 2001 simultaneously with the mailing of a request for Extension of Time on the parent application Serial No. 09/504,355. Although the Extension of Time was received and entered as timely, to date, no filing receipt or other confirmation have been received from the U.S. Patent Office in connection with the above-referenced application. Moreover, we have contacted the Patent Office on multiple occasions during the last several months regarding same,

and have been continuously informed that the PTO has been experiencing a large backlog, and further, not to be alarmed that our Express Mail package may not have been entered yet into the PTO records. However, considering the forgoing, and in an abundance of caution, we believe that this Petition is in order.

This Petition is being filed because the aforesaid CIP application made a claim of priority to a prior filed, then pending U.S. patent application, namely Serial No. 09/504,355 filed February 15, 2000, which was abandoned as a result of the failure to respond to an office action of August 14, 2000. By not assigning the correct filing date and a serial number, however, the U.S. PTO essentially denies Applicant the claim to priority; and the period for filing said patent application with a claim of priority has passed.

Accordingly, this Petition and the accompanying Declaration and Exhibits are submitted to request that the true and correct filing date of February 14, 2001 be granted to the above-referenced patent application. The facts supporting this Petition are clearly set forth in the attached Declaration of attorney Peter A. Matos as well as by the evidence presented in the Exhibits referred to therein.

WHEREFORE, it is requested that this Petition be promptly acted upon and be GRANTED, with the result that the Commissioner will enter a filing date of **FEBRUARY 14, 2001** and assign a serial number to the above-referenced CIP patent application.

The PTO is directed to charge the filing fee of \$130.00 for

this Petition to the undersigned's account, see attached Deposit Account Authorization.

By: **PETER A. MATOS**  
Peter A. Matos  
Reg. No. 37,670  
Dated: 10-29-01

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**DECLARATION OF PETER A. MATOS IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.182 REQUESTING ENTRY OF  
FEBRUARY 14, 2001 AS THE FILING DATE AND ASSIGNING  
A SERIAL NUMBER TO THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PATENT APPLICATION**

I, Peter A. Matos do declare as follows:

1. That I am a registered patent attorney, Registration No. 37,884, and a partner with the firm of Malloy & Malloy, P.A., with an address of 2800 S.W. Third Avenue, Miami, Florida 33129.

2. That on or about early February of 2001, Carlos Correa, the inventor/applicant/client of pending U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/504,355, filed on February 15, 2000, for a COMPUTER MONITOR UTILITY ASSEMBLY, after consulting with the undersigned attorneys instructed us to prepare and file a continuation-in-part (CIP) patent application corresponding said U.S. patent application, with a claim to priority before the deadline date of February 14, 2001. Specifically, we filed a new continuation-in-

part patent application, and simultaneously, filed a three (3) month extension of time for the parent case SN 09/504,355, thus extending the pendency of the application until February 14, 2001.

3. That the Patent Examiner assigned to Applicant's parent patent application, SN 09/504,355 issued an Office Action dated August 14, 2000. See attached Exhibit A. The Examiner set a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mail date in which to file a response. Inclusive of a three (3) month extension of time, the absolute deadline for filing a response would thus be February 14, 2001 (the date in question in which we filed the above-referenced CIP application).

4. That on or about earlier February of 2001, in view of the Patent Examiner's objections in his August 14, 2000 Office Action, the Applicant and undersigned decided to file a three (3) month extension of time, and as an alternative of filing an Amendment a new continuation-in-part patent application was timely filed on via Express Mail on February 14, 2001.

5. That a true and complete copy of the following items were sent to and acknowledged receipt by the U.S. PTO along with a Certificate of Mailing on February 14, 2001 pertaining to SN 09/504,355:

- i) Certificate of Mailing;
- ii) Extension of Time of Three Months;
- iii) Copy of cancelled check number 10009 for \$445.00;
- iii) Post card stamped by the U.S. PTO.

These documents have been marked as Exhibit B, see attached.

6. That a true and complete copy of the following items were sent to the U.S. PTO along with a Certificate of Express Mailing on February 14, 2001 pertaining to continuation-in-part application of SN 09/504,355:

- i) Certificate of Express Mailing;
- ii) Request and Certificate Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i);
- iii) Transmittal Cover Sheet;
- iv) Informal Drawings (15 sheets);
- v). Patent Application (51 pages) which claims priority to SN 09/504,355 among other previous parent cases; and
- vi) Inventorship Papers.

These documents have been marked as Exhibit C, see attached.

7. That I, together with my secretary, Nancy Cabrera, reviewed the entire package of documents containing the continuation-in-part patent application and extension of time for SN 09/504,355 both simultaneously filed on February 14, 2001.

8. That on Wednesday, February 14, 2001, well before 5:00 PM, I deposited the extension of time and related documents in a regular mail deposit slot and the aforesaid Express Mail package having Label No. EM-053-334-408-US in a designated Express Mail deposit slot at the U.S. Post Office General Mail Facility located at 2200 N.W. 72nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33152, which was before the 5:00 PM closing time of the Post Office facility and well before the 9:00 PM time designated on said Mail Box as the final Express Mail pick up time for that day; and further, that I recall the events of February 14, 2001 clearly as I had a prior engagement

at 5:00 PM on that date, and had to ensure that these specific articles of mail were timely deposited before then.

9. That given the importance to the client of ensuring that the aforesaid continuation-in-part patent application was timely filed on February 14, 2001 in order to claim priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/504,355, I regularly communicated with my secretary during the months following the filing, and especially after the passage of three months, the usual time for receipt of the filing receipt from the Patent Office, as to whether any communication such as the return post card and/or the Notice of Missing Parts from the U.S. PTO had been received; and further, that on several occasions I instructed my secretary to telephone the Applicant's Branch and inquire as to the status of the aforesaid continuation-in-part application and any steps that should be taken on our part, which action I am informed was taken by her, and at which time she was repeatedly instructed that the PTO has been experiencing a very large backlog, and further, not to be alarmed that our Express Mail package may not have been entered yet into the PTO records.

10. That again during the last days of September of 2001, I instructed my secretary to continue contacting the clerk of the Application's Branch at the U.S. PTO in order to identify the reason for the non-receipt of the return post card or filing receipt, and I am informed that during that week, she spoke with a clerk at the Initial Data Processing (Application Branch) who informed her that after a further "inventor" and "Express Mail

number" search were conducted, the CIP patent application documents could still not be found but that, however, there could still be a possibility that due to PTO backlog, the information pertaining to this CIP application has not yet entered into the PTO records.

11. That after the extended period during which we were informed to wait by the Patent Office, and upon learning that the U.S. PTO could still not find the CIP patent application, I further instructed my secretary to contact the United States Post Office in order to obtain copies of the Express Mail mailing confirmation documents, and I am informed that upon contacting the United States Post Office, she spoke with a clerk whom informed her that after a ninety (90) day period, they are not able to provide us with a receipt of the Express Mail because their computer records only hold information for that specified time.

12. That this Petition has been immediately prepared and is being submitted via Express Mail to expedite its handling.

13. That in order for the aforesaid CIP patent application to claim priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/504,355, it is necessary that the CIP patent application be given its true and correct filing date, namely, that of February 14, 2001 and be assigned a Serial Number; and that this is the date on which the undersigned timely deposited the aforesaid Express Mail package with the U.S. Postal Service.

14. We reiterate that Certificate of Mailing package and Express Mail package were both submitted to the Post Office simultaneously but for some unknown reason the only package that



was entered into the PTO was the first class mail package.

15. That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**PETER A. MATOS**  
By: Peter A. Matos  
Reg. No. 37,884

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 13-1227. Please note that our Docket No. is 1.025.01.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this correspondence is being deposited by United States Express Mail, Label No. EL-053-335-261-US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, this 29 day of October, 2001.

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FROM: Peter A. Matos **PETITIONS OFFICE**  
RE: U.S. "Continuation-in-Part" Patent Application for  
A COMPUTER MONITOR UTILITY ASSEMBLY  
Serial No.: (Unknown) Filed: February 14, 2001  
Our Ref.: 1.025.01

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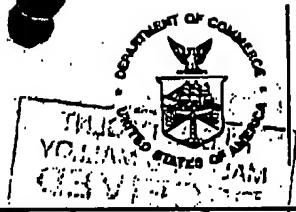
On October 29, 2001 we sent a "Petition Requesting Entry of February 14, 2001 as the Filing Date" via Express Mail. Attached is a copy of the Express Mail receipt.

Also enclosed is a copy of that Petition and Exhibits.

In contacting the Petitions Branch today, we note that our Petition has NOT yet been entered into the PTO records, thus, we are forwarding these documents in the event that the PTO has misplaced these documents.

WE ASK THAT SOMEONE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (305) 858-8000 AND ASK FOR NANCY (OUR REF. #1.025.01) TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND THAT THESE WILL BE PROPERLY ENTERED INTO THE PTO RECORDS.

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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/504,355

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_☐ This action is FINAL.☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

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## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been☐ received.☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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## Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892.☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.

— SEE OFFICE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES —

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Double Patenting***

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1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321© may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,769,378. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both

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invention claim a monitor utility assembly comprising: a universal mount base, a generally rigid top panel, an upper mount means, the upper mount assembly being further structured to overhang the top panel beyond the front surface of the monitor, adjustable side mount means to slide.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martin (US Pat. 5,437,367).

Regarding claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-12 Martin discloses a monitor utility assembly structured to enhance the effectiveness of a computer monitor of the type having a front surface, a rear surface, a pair of opposite sides surfaces, a top surface and a bottom surface, the monitor utility assembly comprising: a universal mount base 30a, 30b removably attached to the monitor, a generally rigid top panel 22, the top panel having a width generally equivalent to at least a width of a screen of a monitor, the top panel 22 including a front lip extending along at least a majority of the length of a front edge of the top panel 22, the top panel 22 further including two spaced apart side lips each

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extending along at least a majority of the length of a different side of the top panel 22, an access portion formed on the top panel 22 adjacent a rear edge thereof and structured to facilitate placement of an article on the top panel 22, the front lip and two side lips being cooperatively structured and disposed to retain at least one article placed on the top panel, an upper mount assembly 56 structured and disposed to secure the top panel 22 to the universal mount base 30a, 30b in overlying relation to the top surface of the monitor, and an upper mount assembly 56 being further structured to overhang the top panel 22 beyond the front surface of the monitor in order to selectively shade and screen the screen on the front surface of the monitor from light and glare.

*Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 7, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martin (US Pat. 5,437,367).

Regarding claims 7, 10 Martin discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention except for exteriorly actuatable switch assembly. Although, Martin does not teach the actuatable switch assembly. However, exteriorly actuatable switch assembly is considered

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obviousness. Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to form exteriorly actuatable switch assembly in order to control the console system.

### *Conclusion*

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Robinson et al. (US Pat. 5,294,994) teach integrated computer assembly.

Tao (US Pat. 5,717,566) teaches shade device for notebook computer display screen.

Hong (US Pat. 5,978,211) teach stand structure for flat-panel display device with interface and speaker.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Duong whose telephone number is (703) 308-4889. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo P. Picard, can be reached on (703) 308-0538. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)308- 7722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956.

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Leo P. Picard  
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# **Notice of References Cited**

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS
A	5,294,994	3/ 1994	Robinson et al.	348	825
B	5,437,367	8/ 1995	Martin	206	320
C	5,717,566	2/ 1998	Tao	361	681
D	5,978,211	11/ 1999	Hong	361	683
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

A three-month extension of time is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR, Section 1.136 in order to respond to the Office Action dated August 14, 2000.

In accordance with 37 CFR, Section 1.17(a)(3), the amount of \$445.00 for the requested extension of time of three months is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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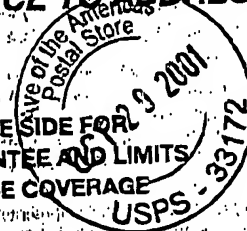
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